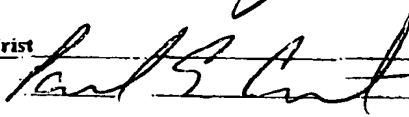


DECLARATION STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27 (b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR			Docket No. 1727
Serial No. 10/618,574	Filing Date 07/12/2003	Patent No.	Issue Date
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Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING TUBE ENDS			
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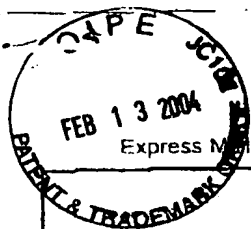
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING FLARED TUBE ENDS

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